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EAT

MELT FOR SMELT Prasino

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DO

THE GRASS IS BLUE Mayne Stage

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Liven up your midweek with a bluegrass-country-metal show by Wichita, Kan., trio Split Lip Rayfield, whose members play mandolin, banjo and a homemade gas-tank bass. Local bands The Paulina Hollers and The Lawrence Peters Outfit open with Appalachian string and honky tonk music, respectively. 9 p.m. \$16-\$20.

DRINK

DRESS UP Clever Alice Pop-Up Shop

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Walk from Dearborn Street into Paris at the Wine and Cheese Open House, which features the aforementioned refreshments plus a cooking demo with appetizers from Sabor Saveur chef Yanitzin Sanchez, an optional introductory French lesson and free raffles for gift certificates and tickets to the Gipsy Kings concert at the Chicago Theatre. 6-7:30 p.m.

BREWS-A-PALOOZA Jerry's

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Indiana invades Chicago—in a good way—during the Three Floyds Tap Takeover, which features the release of nine draft beers from the Munster producer—including Hell's Black Intelligencer, Behemoth, Arctic Panzer Wolf and Topless Wytch—on tap all day for \$5-\$8 per pour. Live jazz kicks in at 9 p.m. with the Jarvis Raymond Trio and the Anthony Poretti Quartet. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.



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National Guard coming to town

Those helicopters over the city Monday weren't for NATO—but soldiers coming

Chicago Tribune

Hundreds of soldiers from the Illinois National Guard will be deployed in Chicago during next month's NATO summit here to help move foreign dignitaries around the center of the city; among other duties, guard officials said Tuesday.

Another contingent of guard troops will conduct a large-scale domestic response drill outside Cook County during the summit weekend, ready to provide support in the event of any problems in Chicago, said Maj. Troy Scott, the deputy director of domestic operations for the Illinois National Guard.

The annual exercise was scheduled for the summit window of May 20-21, Scott said, so a number of troops would be geared up and nearby if they are needed.

Between 500 and 600 Illinois guardsmen will be in Chicago as part of teams moving NATO delegations in civilian vehicles between venues and performing ceremonial tasks related to the meetings, he said. Dozens of motorcades are expected to move dignitaries between hotels and the lakefront McCormick Place convention center where the meetings will take place.

Guard officials said they were not involved in a military exercise this week in Chicago that has featured Blackhawk helicopters sweeping over the Chicago River downtown.

The helicopters were taking part in a routine training session conducted in cities across the country, according to the city's Office of Emergency Management. The training is to continue periodically through Thursday.

The maneuvers are "designed to ensure the military's ability to operate in urban environ-



Several military helicopters hovered over downtown Chicago on Monday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

ments as service members meet mandatory training certification requirements and prepare for upcoming overseas deployments," according to a statement released by the office.

Similar helicopter operations received widespread news coverage in L.A. in January. Calls to the Department of Defense went unreturned.

Melissa Stratton, a spokeswoman for the

Chicago Police Department, said the drill had nothing to do with NATO preparedness.

Just how many protesters may fill Chicago's streets and how much trouble they could cause remains unknown, but Mayor Emanuel on Tuesday said he has faith police can maintain order. Emanuel likened the event to a national political convention.

"I want you to understand that this is

normally what Charlotte's going to do for a convention, Tampa's going to do for a convention," the mayor said, referring to the Democratic and Republican political conventions taking place this summer. But that said, the mayor conceded security will be paramount with world leaders in town.

"It's unique," he said, "because the whole world will be here."

Trains to run under McCormick Place for NATO event

Chicago Tribune

In a signal that downtown Chicago won't be placed on a virtual security lockdown during the NATO summit next month, trains will be permitted to pass through McCormick Place, although commuters should expect to experience delays, the U.S. Secret Service said Tuesday.

The long-awaited decision will affect thousands of regular commuters as well as NATO demonstrators who are likely to ride trains to

protest sites near McCormick Place, which is ground zero for the summit.

It means that Metra Electric District, South Shore Line and Amtrak trains will be able to operate normal schedules during the meeting of world leaders at the lakefront convention center on May 20 and 21, a Sunday and a Monday. The tracks run under McCormick Place.

The Canadian National Railway, which ordinarily operates freight trains under McCor-

mick Place, will use its alternative route in the suburbs along the former Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad that CN bought three years ago, officials said.

"Our plan presents the best possible solution to balancing the need for comprehensive security while minimizing delay and intrusion on ridership," Frank Benedetto, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Chicago field office, said in a statement.

He said rail passengers should expect delays

as trains approach and pass through the McCormick Place stop.

He did not say whether the station would be open, saying only that more information on possible individual station closures will be released before the summit.

The Secret Service still has not announced whether Lake Shore Drive and the Stevenson Expressway, which are just west of McCormick Place, will be open to traffic during the summit.



RedEye reporter Georgia Garvey (center) posed with people from the West Town Tavern booth during Baconfest at the UIC Forum on Saturday. BARRY BRECHSEIN PHOTO FOR REDEYE

Bacon x bacon + bacon = blech



Georgia Garvey

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Friends, I entered the belly of the beast. Well, the belly of the pig, to be completely accurate.

Some of you may remember my February column in which I attacked the bacon mania gripping our nation and city, arguing the bacon-in-everything fad had gone too far.

Some of you complained about

that column—on Twitter, via email and on Facebook.

Some of you not only insulted my writing ability but also my ability to dress myself and apply makeup. On one hand, I found that odd, particularly because Mr. Makeup Advice was wearing a tie-dyed T-shirt in his profile pic and was not exactly George Clooney, if you know what I mean.

But on the other hand, I also know how fanatical the bacon-crazed can be, and I realize that by slamming their most treasured food institution, I was kind of asking for it.

So when one of the creators of Baconfest, the Bacchanalia of Bacon that took place at the UIC Forum on Saturday, invited me to attend, I felt compelled to go. I would put myself through the bacon wringer, I decided. I would be an unbiased truth-teller, and I would emerge, like Buddha from his meditations, enlightened as to the reasons behind the bacon craze.

People, I went to Baconfest. And I ate lots of bacon.

The first thing I feel compelled to tell you is that I smelled like bacon for days afterward. A haze of bacon-y smoke surrounded the booths like the smog surrounds buildings in L.A. I have no idea how the good people at UIC are ever going to get the smell of bacon out of the Forum. I suspect that decades from now, some sophomore will be walking through the building, pause, sniff and think, "Is that bacon?"

Inside the Forum, everywhere I turned, well-meaning people foisted bacon on me. At first, I blindly accepted any morsel of bacon shoved my way.

The choices, however, soon began to overwhelm. There were bacon burgers, bacon sausage, bacon sliders, bacon confit and bacon cutlets. There were bacon beignets and bacon ice cream, both of which, God help me, I ate.

Some of it was very good, some of it was very not-so-good and some of it is forgotten, no more than a check mark on my map of the booths and a vague memory of, "yeah, that tasted like bacon."

And it all boils down to this: I was right.

Baconfest may have been fun and I did meet a spectrum of bacon fans—from your casual bacon enjoyer to your we-just-drove-all-night-from-Kansas-and-I-plan-to-eat-until-I-vomit bacon nutcase—but at the end of the day, I felt vindicated. One can definitely have too much of a good thing.

After hours of ingesting bacon, I left feeling a little bit nauseated, a little bit wiser and a little bit hungry.

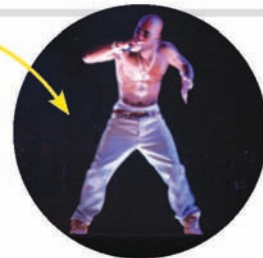
For a salad.

5 THINGS TO CLICK

Need a little push to get through the last half of the week? Silence your phone, lock the door and hunker down with these to-do's on the Internet. JESSICA GALLIART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

Follow: @HologramTupac on Twitter

If Tupac can come back as a hologram, he can certainly create a humorous parody account of himself, right? (Sample tweet: "Do you know how hard it is to throw my W's up when my fingers can't physically cross over? #RespectTheTech")



Watch: New rentals available on YouTube

For \$2.99-\$4.99, you can now rent more than 600 MGM movie titles including "Rain Man," "Robocop," "Rocky," "West Side Story" and "The Terminator." "The Terminator," you guys!



Check out: The new Google+ design

Unleashed last week, it's safe to toe the waters now that everyone has calmed down a bit about it.

Listen to: North Coast Music Festival on Spotify

A partial lineup was released Monday night, and we rounded up songs from scheduled artists in a convenient Spotify playlist for you: spoti.fi/ncmf2012.

Prepare yourself: For the Kardashian Twitter onslaught

The three reality star sisters will be in the Chicago area for a meet-and-greet at the Sears in Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg on Friday. Rumor is that these celebrity folks are prolific on Twitter. You've been warned.



CORRECTION

Rebecca Allen is a graduate student at UIC. A story on Page 6 in Tuesday's RedEye incorrectly referred to her as a graduate student at the University of Chicago.

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NATO security details surface

Chicago Tribune

While much of the security planning for the NATO summit remains secret, some information about what the protective measures will look like has started to trickle out.

Last week, the U.S. Secret Service published bidding specifications for the work of putting up security barriers in the city for the May 20-21 summit that will bring leaders from around the world.

The Secret Service won't say where those barriers are going, but the specifications for the contract suggest the work of erecting chain-link fences and placing concrete barriers will begin May 14, a week before the meetings of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Workers will have to put up 3,600 linear feet of "anti-scale" steel fencing, as well as 17,000 linear feet of concrete barricades. The fencing is stored at a federal facility in Maryland, while the concrete barriers will be supplied by local governments.

The specifications also call for 16-foot-wide "portable vehicle barriers" capable of stopping a 15,000-pound vehicle traveling at 30 mph.

Secret Service officials have declined to say how large their security perimeter around the McCormick Place meeting site

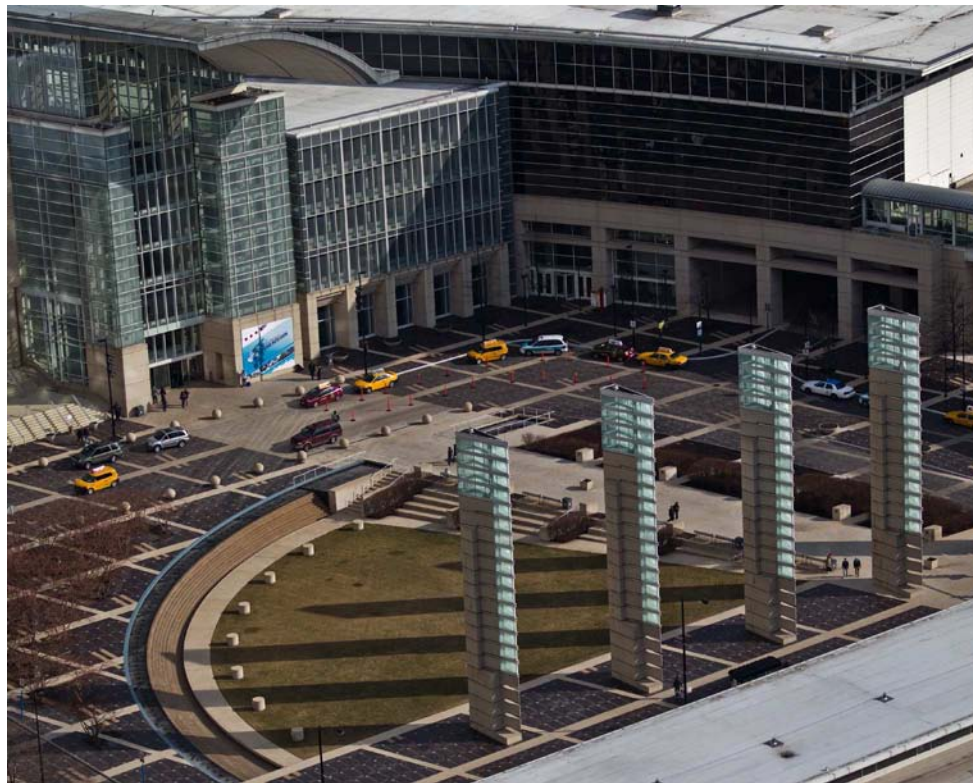
will be, but much of the disruption to city life is expected to be caused by transportation between the convention center and downtown hotels. With more than 50 heads of state and their delegations—some numbering in the hundreds—attending the summit, most of the top-quality hotels in the Loop, River North and Gold Coast areas will be booked by foreign leaders and tightly guarded by the Secret Service.

With dozens of heavily guarded motorcades moving back and forth from those hotels to the convention center multiple times a day, security planners acknowledge there will be frequent street closings.

Planning for that aspect of the weekend has been a challenge because each government has been allowed to book its own lodging, said Lori Healey, executive director of the Chicago NATO Host Committee.

As attention on security intensifies, the city announced Monday that a "routine military training exercise" will be under way in and around Chicago through Thursday to help personnel preparing for overseas deployment learn to "operate in urban environments."

A city spokeswoman said the training is done around the country and is not related to the NATO meeting.



While McCormick Place, where world leaders will be meeting during the NATO summit May 20-21, will be heavily guarded, experts say most disruption to the city will be caused by motorcades between the convention center and downtown hotels. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE

INSIDE THE SUMMIT

World leaders will come to Chicago to discuss the future of the conflict in Afghanistan

Leaders of North Atlantic Treaty Organization member states will come to Chicago on May 20 and 21 for a major summit to discuss the future of Afghanistan. NATO is a 28-member alliance of North American and European democracies that work together on security and defense issues. NATO leads the mission in Afghanistan and the allies developed a plan at the 2010 summit in Lisbon to hand over all security operations in the country to Afghan forces by the end of 2014. The Chicago summit will not feature the gathering of the G-8 leaders as was originally planned. The economic gathering was moved to Camp David, the White House said, for a smaller setting. Even without the G-8, 50 delegations are expected to be in Chicago, so the impact on the city remains significant. More on the key players and organization:



Barack Obama

The President remains committed to handing over security operations to the Afghans and withdrawing U.S. combat forces by the end of 2014. Following the surge of troops into Afghanistan, there were almost 100,000 American service personnel deployed in the country, but that number is gradually being cut and is expected to drop to 68,000 by this fall.



Angela Merkel

Visiting Afghanistan in March, the German chancellor questioned whether the 2014 NATO deadline could be met. The mission in Afghanistan is not popular in Germany and the military has started withdrawing some of its troops.



David Cameron

During a state visit to America in mid-March, the British prime minister reaffirmed his support for the 2014 exit from Afghanistan. Cameron resisted pressure to pull out sooner after two British soldiers were shot by an Afghan soldier later in the month. Britain's military force is the second largest NATO contingent in Afghanistan.



Nicolas Sarkozy

The French president has said he supports a withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan by 2013, a year earlier than the American plan. Sarkozy might not make it to the conference, as he faces a tough election that will be wrapped up by early May. Sarkozy's opponent has said he will pull out France's soldiers by the end of this year if he wins.



Hamid Karzai

While Afghanistan is not a NATO member, Karzai will attend the Chicago summit. He has said he supports the withdrawal plan. But at a NATO news conference in April, Karzai pondered whether to hold elections in 2013, rather than the following year, to smooth the transition of power. Karzai is barred by the constitution from running again.

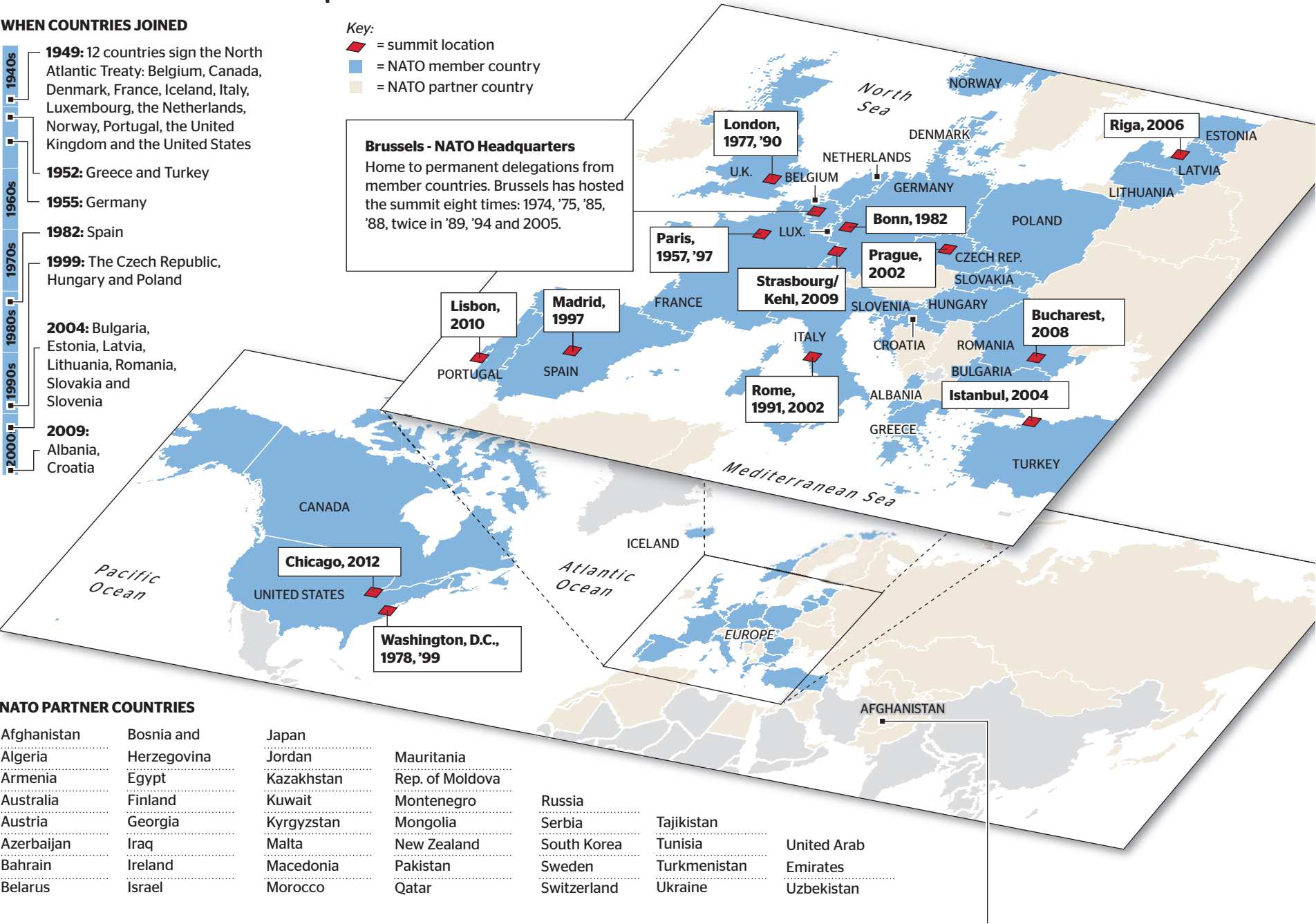
Member countries and previous summits

WHEN COUNTRIES JOINED

- 1949:** 12 countries sign the North Atlantic Treaty: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States
- 1952:** Greece and Turkey
- 1955:** Germany
- 1982:** Spain
- 1999:** The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland
- 2004:** Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia
- 2009:** Albania, Croatia

Key:
 = summit location
 = NATO member country
 = NATO partner country

Brussels - NATO Headquarters
 Home to permanent delegations from member countries. Brussels has hosted the summit eight times: 1974, '75, '85, '88, twice in '89, '94 and 2005.



NATO PARTNER COUNTRIES

Afghanistan	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Mauritania		
Algeria	Egypt	Jordan	Rep. of Moldova		
Armenia	Finland	Kazakhstan	Montenegro	Russia	
Australia	Georgia	Kuwait	Mongolia	Serbia	Tajikistan
Austria	Iraq	Kyrgyzstan	New Zealand	South Korea	Tunisia
Azerbaijan	Ireland	Malta	Pakistan	Sweden	Turkmenistan
Bahrain	Israel	Macedonia	Qatar	Switzerland	Ukraine
Belarus		Morocco			United Arab Emirates
					Uzbekistan

HOW NATO WORKS

MEMBER COUNTRY DELEGATES

Each member country is represented by a civilian delegate and a military delegate and both are supported by a staff of advisors. Delegates act on instructions from his or her capital. The delegation size varies from 200 (the U.S.) to six (Iceland).
 Delegates come to an agreement about policy through common consensus. There are no voting procedures in NATO, so political consultation between members is vital.

CENTRAL CIVILIAN STRUCTURE

North Atlantic Council: The primary decision-making body of NATO; however, other central civilian structures have the same authority within their specific areas. These other authorities are:
Defense Planning Council: Deals with most defense matters and provides guidance to NATO's military authorities.
Nuclear Planning Group: Discusses nuclear policy issues such as nuclear arms control and nuclear proliferation.

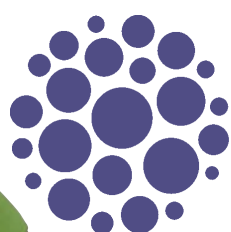


Security General Anders Fogh Rasmussen
 The top civil leader of NATO and chairman of the North Atlantic Council. The security general is responsible for steering the decision-making process as well as acting as a spokesperson for NATO. Rasmussen is the former prime minister of Denmark.

CENTRAL MILITARY STRUCTURE

Military Committee: The highest military authority in NATO, but remains under the North Atlantic Council. The military committee provides guidance to the two NATO strategic commanders:
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Supreme Allied Commander Transformation: Based in Norfolk, Va.

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Bucktown nightmare continues for woman

2 years after attack, beating victim still cannot speak or walk

Chicago Tribune

Her world—once filled with possibility—has shrunk to the size of her parents' living room, where, in the afternoons, she sits in a chair by the window.



McShane

On a good day, she might point to what she wants or offer her parents a smile. But she cannot speak, dress herself or go to the bathroom without assistance. And so there are days when, her father says, "she just cries."

Then, her parents cradle her and whisper: "You're OK. You're OK."

Natasha McShane is back home in Northern Ireland. She is safe and protected and doted on by her loving parents. But she is not OK.

The past year has offered no respite from the surgeries and struggles that have plagued her since a brutal mugging in Bucktown, which occurred two years ago this Monday.

"You think she is going to get better, but it actually gets worse," said McShane's father, Liam, speaking by phone from the family's house in Silverbridge, County Armagh, and describing what his daughter's life is like now. "You think, 'In six months she'll be doing this or be doing that.' But the months pass and there is no progress."

Two years ago, Natasha McShane was an



Natasha McShane and Stacy Jurich were attacked two years ago near this viaduct in the 1800 block of North Damen Avenue. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE FILE

exuberant 23-year-old exchange student, working on her master's degree and out for a night to celebrate an internship that would allow her to extend her stay in Chicago.

She and a friend, Stacy Jurich, were walking home from a bar at 3:30 a.m. in the 1800 block

of North Damen Avenue when, according to police, they were struck from behind by a bat-wielding mugger.

McShane, who stands less than 5 feet tall, took the brunt of the beating and was left bleeding and unconscious on the sidewalk. Hospital-

The latest in the case

In Chicago, police arrested Heriberto Viramontes, 33, a reputed gang member, who, according to prosecutors, had seen the two women as "easy targets." Marcy Cruz, 27, had driven him to the area, waited in a van and smoked a marijuana-stuffed cigar during the attack, according to prosecutors. Held at Cook County Jail, Viramontes and Cruz each face 25 felony counts, including attempted murder and armed robbery. No trial date has been set.

ized for months, she initially made small but steady steps toward recovery. In July 2010, when she left Chicago by air ambulance, she had begun to eat again, walk with assistance and speak a few words, family members say.

But in Northern Ireland, a surgery to replace a section of her skull resulted in a serious infection. Then came a bout of seizures, followed by fluid building up around her brain. She regressed quickly, and soon she could no longer walk or speak.

The past 12 months have been particularly difficult, family members say. In the summer, McShane underwent surgery to insert a metal plate in her head.

And in October, doctors discovered her hip was broken; it may have been broken during the attack and later reinjured during a seizure, her father said. A hip replacement surgery led to yet another stay in the hospital, this one lasting two months.

"No speech, no walking, the hip broken, in the hospital and laid up on medication," Liam McShane said. "It's very hard to watch her like that."



QUOTABLE

But at the end of the day, like I said, I don't want to focus on that. We've moved past that.

That's old news. We've got a lot of really great things our office is focused on."

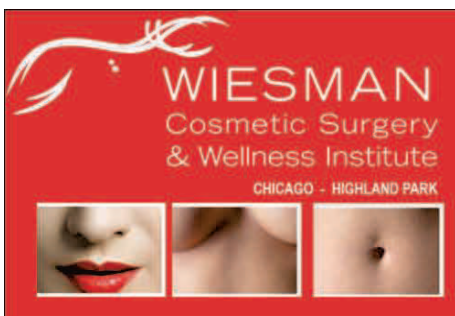
—City Clerk **Susana Mendoza**, who on Tuesday unveiled a city vehicle sticker with a simple design as she sought to move beyond the controversy that erupted when she yanked a teen's winning sticker artwork amid concerns it might contain street gang symbols



EXPRESS LINES

- » Mayor Emanuel is pushing for a vote at Wednesday's City Council meeting on his controversial plan to attract private companies to pay for public works projects despite lingering questions from aldermen.
- » Contract talks between Chicago Public Schools and the teachers' union have moved to the first of several steps that could lead to a strike, officials said Monday.
- » Cook County commissioners on Tuesday adopted a watered-down plan for government offices to work on streamlining the property tax process after Board President Toni Preckwinkle said a proposal to create a single county tax administrator would violate state law.

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Neighbors of the Congress Theater (pictured) expressed concerns over recent incidents there at a City Hall hearing Tuesday. ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE

Theater, neighbors clash

By Mick Swasko | REDEYE

A city attorney on Tuesday told representatives of the Congress Theater in Logan Square that they need to improve security, work to soundproof the venue and make other changes in the first of at least two more hearings on the venue.

Congress attorney Homero Tristan spoke on behalf of the venue, which has been at the center of a long debate between neighbors who say it has caused problems in the area and others who say it has been unfairly targeted. He said the venue has installed additional lighting and surveillance cameras at the venue.

The City Hall hearing included Ald. Proco Joe Moreno (1st), members of the community, police and representatives from the city's Business Affairs and Consumer Protection department. Though Moreno and theater

representatives have held informal meetings on the issues, the nuisance hearing is an official step taken in the process, which eventually can lead to fines, license revocation or temporary closure. Moreno stressed that's not something he wants to see.

"The goal is to help the Congress to become a better theater, not to shut them down," he said at the hearing.

Neighbors around the Milwaukee Avenue theater expressed concerns about rowdy, intoxicated crowds, litter and noise issues that come from inside the venue. Others, however, stood up to speak in support of the theater, saying other nightclubs in the area create similar problems.

"It seems like it's turning into a witch hunt," said Simon Lamb, who lives in the Congress building. "If you don't like it, maybe it's time to move."

But Johnny Elias, who has lived about a block away from the theater for 35 years, said the theater has given a "half-hearted" response to members of the community that have raised concerns.

"When the neighbors speak up, there seems to be this backlash," he said, adding that noise, garbage and drunk minors have been a problem in the past.

More than 120 calls for service have been made from the area around the theater in the past 14 months, police said. Those have resulted in 36 reports including theft, battery and drug possession. A high-profile sexual assault also occurred near the theater on New Year's Eve last year and led to charges against three teenagers. A second hearing will occur in June to review the progress the theater has made.

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Stray bullet in basketball dispute wounds 6-year-old

A 6-year-old girl was wounded by a stray bullet on the Far South Side last week when a 15-year-old boy pulled out a gun and started shooting following a dispute over a bet on a basketball game the boy was playing, police said Tuesday. The boy was charged as an adult in the incident that occurred near the 13200 block of South St. Lawrence Avenue.

Cylinder prompts police station evacuation

An object that looked like an "oxygen cylinder" found outside in Palmer Square caused the evacuation of a police station and a street closure Tuesday, authorities said. No one was injured after crews determined the object outside the Shakespeare District police station at 2150 N. California Ave. was harmless.

Prosecutor: Man bit 2-year-old girl

A man charged in the fatal beating of his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter admitted he bit and smacked the toddler as he baby-sat her over the weekend, prosecutors said Tuesday. The 23-year-old man who lives in the 5500 block of South Emerald Avenue is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Armaney Cotton on Saturday. TRIBUNE



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1 Final landing

The Space Shuttle Discovery makes its final landing on the back of a NASA Boeing 747 at Dulles International Airport on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. The shuttle is on its way to a permanent display at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va.



2 Polar plunge

Baby polar bear Anori plays in the pool of her enclosure at the zoo Tuesday in Wuppertal, Germany.



3 Double trouble

Chinese athletes practice taekwon do techniques Tuesday in Beijing before the rehearsal of a ceremony to mark the 100-day countdown to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS**

Mega Millions mystery

4 With just 3,700 residents in Red Bud, Ill., Denise Metzger is using the process of elimination to guess who bought a lottery ticket now worth \$218 million at her convenience store last month.

"We're watching to figure out who hasn't been coming in," Metzger, manager of the Moto Mart, said Tuesday. "If they got the ticket and are making themselves scarce, that's what we've been paying attention to."

The Mega Millions mystery winner's identity will be revealed by Illinois lottery officials at the Red Bud Village Hall by Wednesday morning.

Mayor Tim Lowry sees the decision by the winner to have the announcement in his southern Illinois town as evidence it's a Red Bud resident.

"Not knowing who it is, it seems like they want to make a splash in Red Bud," Lowry said.

It probably didn't help that the drawing happened on the eve of April Fools' weekend, leading some locals to joke on Facebook and the sidewalk that they had the winning ticket. It kicked off more than two weeks of speculation around town and online.

Moto Mart, which has seen a two-fold rise in lottery ticket sales, also seems to be gossip central for lottery rumors.

One rumor floating there is that someone ordered 12 new Camaros from the local Chevrolet dealership, Metzger said. "That's a big rumor. I had a big laugh about that one."

The sales manager at Weir Chevrolet Buick GMC shot down that gossip. "They were Corvettes," Brandon Liefer joked.



Moto Mart employee Darla Beckett posts a symbolic check for more than \$213 million. One of the recent winning Mega Millions tickets was purchased at the store in Red Bud, Ill. **MCT**

IN LOTTO SCAM NEWS...

A Michigan woman who continued to take food stamp benefits for months after winning \$1 million in the state lottery has been charged with welfare fraud, officials said Tuesday.

5 Final cruise bodies ID'd

The last five bodies recovered from the wrecked Costa Concordia cruise liner have been identified, the mayor's office in the Italian city of Grosseto said Tuesday. Two Americans, Gerald and Barbara Heil, were among those named in a statement from the mayor's office.

6 Pippa Middleton lands in gun flap

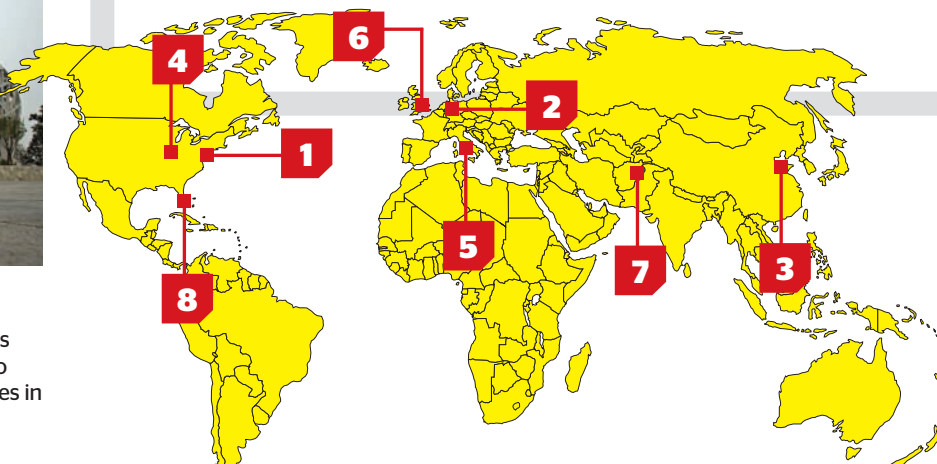
A storm of outrage provoked by photos of Pippa Middleton showing her in a car with a man wielding what appears to be a gun in France should act as a wakeup call, royal watchers have warned Prince William's sister-in-law. It is unclear whether the gun was real.

7 Schoolgirls poisoned

About 150 Afghan schoolgirls were poisoned on Tuesday after drinking contaminated water at a high school in the country's north, officials said, blaming it on conservative radicals opposed to female education. Periodic attacks still occur against girls since the fall of the Taliban.

8 Zimmerman judge may step down

A Florida judge will decide this week whether to step down from the trial of George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer charged in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, because her husband's law partner had been contacted by Zimmerman seeking representation.



THE DIGIT

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That's how many square miles of glaciers exist in the Karakoram mountains in the western Himalayas. The heavily glaciated region of the Himalayas is bucking the trend of global ice loss and showing small signs of increasing in mass, according to a new study.

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Brandon Bollig (No. 52) is at the center of a scrum involving Phoenix in the first period.

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THE PUNISHERS

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BLACKHAWKS, PHOENIX SERIES GETS PHYSICAL

RedEye

Before Tuesday's Game 3 between the Blackhawks and Phoenix even began, fans on both sides of the suddenly intense series had plenty to chew on.

Hawks winger Andrew Shaw's punishment finally was going to be revealed in the wake of his Saturday night hit on Phoenix goalie Mike Smith. As the day dragged on, however, the NHL was silent on the matter. Blackhawks fans were not pleased with the delay.

Finally, in the late afternoon, the verdict came down: Shaw was suspended three games.

The general Blackhawks fan consensus was the punishment was too harsh, considering it looked as if Shaw tried to at least partially avoid contact with Smith.

But what's done is done. And in the spirit of taking control of what has turned into a rough-and-tumble start to the Stanley Cup playoffs across the board, RedEye decided to hand out punishments of our own for various infractions.

FIRST PERIOD

Brandon Bollig

In a game bound to be tightly officiated, it wasn't smart of Bollig to grab Phoenix's Kyle Chipchura from behind and put him in a chokehold. The resulting roughing penalty gave the Coyotes several good looks at the goal, but Corey Crawford made at least two spectacular saves to keep Phoenix off the board. Tsk, tsk, Bollig.

PUNISHMENT: Watch Brendan Shanahan's video explaining Shaw's suspension on a loop for 12 hours. He'll never do it again.

Referees

On what was an obvious illegal hit on Marian Hossa courtesy of Raffi Torres, who left his feet to hit Hossa's head, the resulting calls hand the Coyotes a power play. Really.

PUNISHMENT: Spend a day with Torres moshing to some Slayer tunes.

FIRST-PERIOD SCORE:

Blackhawks 1, Phoenix 0. Andrew Brunette redirects Patrick Kane's shot for the goal.



Raffi Torres is sent to the penalty box in the second period.
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SECOND PERIOD

Raffi Torres

After his vicious, unpenalized hit on Hossa in the first period, you might think Torres would lie low the rest of the game, but you'd be wrong. In the second period, he deliberately tripped Viktor Stalberg by extending his left leg under his skates. Oh, and Torres would be called for a penalty on this one.

PUNISHMENT: Forced retirement.

Derek Morris

In another cheap-ish shot, Morris shoves Marcus Kruger in the back at the Coyotes goal after Smith makes a save on a Brent Seabrook blast. Morris was penalized, but at this point that's not enough.

PUNISHMENT: Take the Greyhound back to Glendale, Ariz. In a seat next to the restroom.

SECOND-PERIOD SCORE: Still 1-0.



Marian Hossa (left) is checked by Raffi Torres. Hossa was taken from the ice on a stretcher.
REUTERS



THIRD PERIOD

Charles Tillman

During "Shoot the Puck," the Chicago Bear reached the final round and delivered three ugly, ugly shots on goal. It was hard to watch, and the United Center crowd didn't take it easy on him.

PUNISHMENT: Tillman on postgame laundry duty—with a washboard and tub of water.

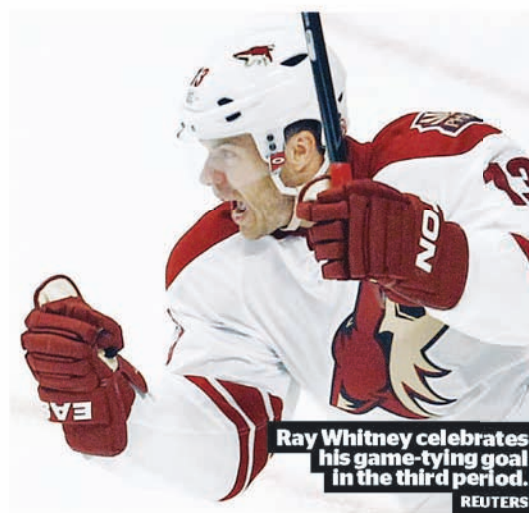
Everyone on the ice

After a flurry of three goals in just over minute, the Blackhawks and Coyotes head to overtime tied at 2, making this the third overtime in three playoff games. Our hearts aren't going to withstand this intensity.

PUNISHMENT: Pay for fans' health care.

THIRD-PERIOD SCORE:

2-2. Michael Frolik scores for the Blackhawks.



Ray Whitney celebrates his game-tying goal in the third period.
REUTERS

OVERTIME

Patrick Kane, Corey Crawford

Kane had the puck right before Phoenix scored the winning goal, skated a bit with it in front of the Phoenix goal, didn't shoot, then lost it. Mikkel Boedker ended up with it, then sneaked the puck in from the side of the goal. It was a soft goal on an otherwise stellar night in net for Crawford.

PUNISHMENT: Explain to Marian Hossa how this happened.

FINAL SCORE: Phoenix 3, Blackhawks 2



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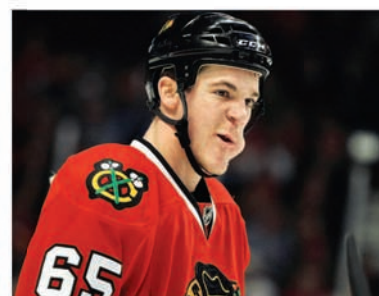
Marian Hossa

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Raffi Torres

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Three games?

Andrew Shaw is suspended for his hit on Mike Smith.



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1 How would you describe the atmosphere at an NHL playoff game at the United Center?

Frat parties have nothing on Fratelli parties.

Powerful, both in emotion and in beer smell. That is beer, right?

Shawtastic.

I'd say bone-shattering but the NHL might fine me, saying it's too "hard-hitting."

Totally electric. Unless the power's out. Then it will suck.

2 Why did it take so long for the NHL to decide on Andrew Shaw's punishment?

They didn't want to have to (flip) flop later.

It's like the cliffhanger to a TV show, except this time, the killer is ...

They were debating whether putting a shoulder into Mike Smith should really be a disciplinable offense.

Did you watch the playoffs this weekend? In law enforcement you deal with felonies before misdemeanors.

Shanahan's "NHL Wheel of Justice" got stuck, and it took a few days to fix it.

3 How would you feel if Vancouver's eliminated before the Hawks had a chance to do it?

Hate their Guts.

I'd be fine with it. Sometimes it's best to just hit it and quit it. Right, Tracy?

Remember the Dance of Joy form "Perfect Strangers"? So ... yeah.

I'd laugh harder than I did after seeing "The Three Stooges." "Canuck, Canuck, Canuck."

Let's worry about the Hawks getting through Phoenix before we start focusing on any other teams.

4 Why have the Bulls struggled against lesser NBA teams recently?

Just like in "The Bachelor," everyone's waiting for Finals Rose.

Because they want to lead the league in heart attacks per game, obviously. Gotta be the best.

If I knew that, they wouldn't be struggling, because I would have told Thibs!

It's all the Deng injuries.

They're saving their real effort for the playoffs so they can beat lesser teams by three instead of losing by that much.

5 How do you like how Rip Hamilton has looked in the past few games?

From R.I.P. to Rep.

Good, I guess? What, did he get a new mask or something?

How have you liked how Rip Hamilton has looked the past few games?

Just like my first car, he looks good and runs great—when he's not broken down.

Are you sure that wasn't a Tupac-style hologram instead of the real Rip?

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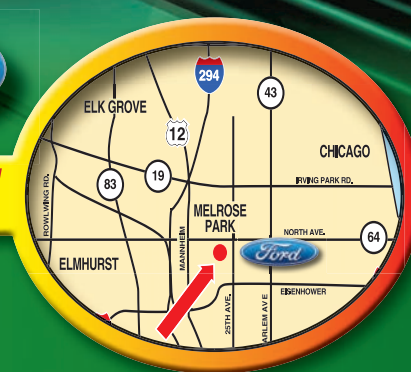


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ROSE IN GQ: 'I'm never alone. Ever.'



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Fame appears to be wearing on Derrick Rose. At least that's the impression one gets after reading his interview in the May issue of GQ. In it, Rose is portrayed as a prisoner in his own home, unable to enjoy the city he grew up in because his fame has made it hard for him to freely move about

without being mobbed. RedEye boiled down the profile to a few of Rose's thoughts on being compared to Michael Jordan; knowing President Obama, a personal hero of his; and LeBron James, among other things.

ON BEING COMPARED TO MICHAEL JORDAN:

"His titles drive me. What's wrong with getting close to the best person that ever played the game? I'm not scared of him; if anything, it makes me work harder when I do train."

ON PRESIDENT OBAMA BEING A FAN OF HIS:

"I remember when he wasn't our president, when I was a kid, when he'd just be walking down the street, a state senator. He was just always there. I didn't appreciate it then. I was in high school and just wanted to see rappers."

ON THE ATTENTION HE RECEIVES:

"The more you win, the more they come. Don't get me wrong. I don't take anything for granted. But it seems like the better I play, the more attention I get. And I can't get away from it. You play great, you get attention. But I hate attention. It is weird. I'm in a bind."

ON THE PEOPLE OF CHICAGO:

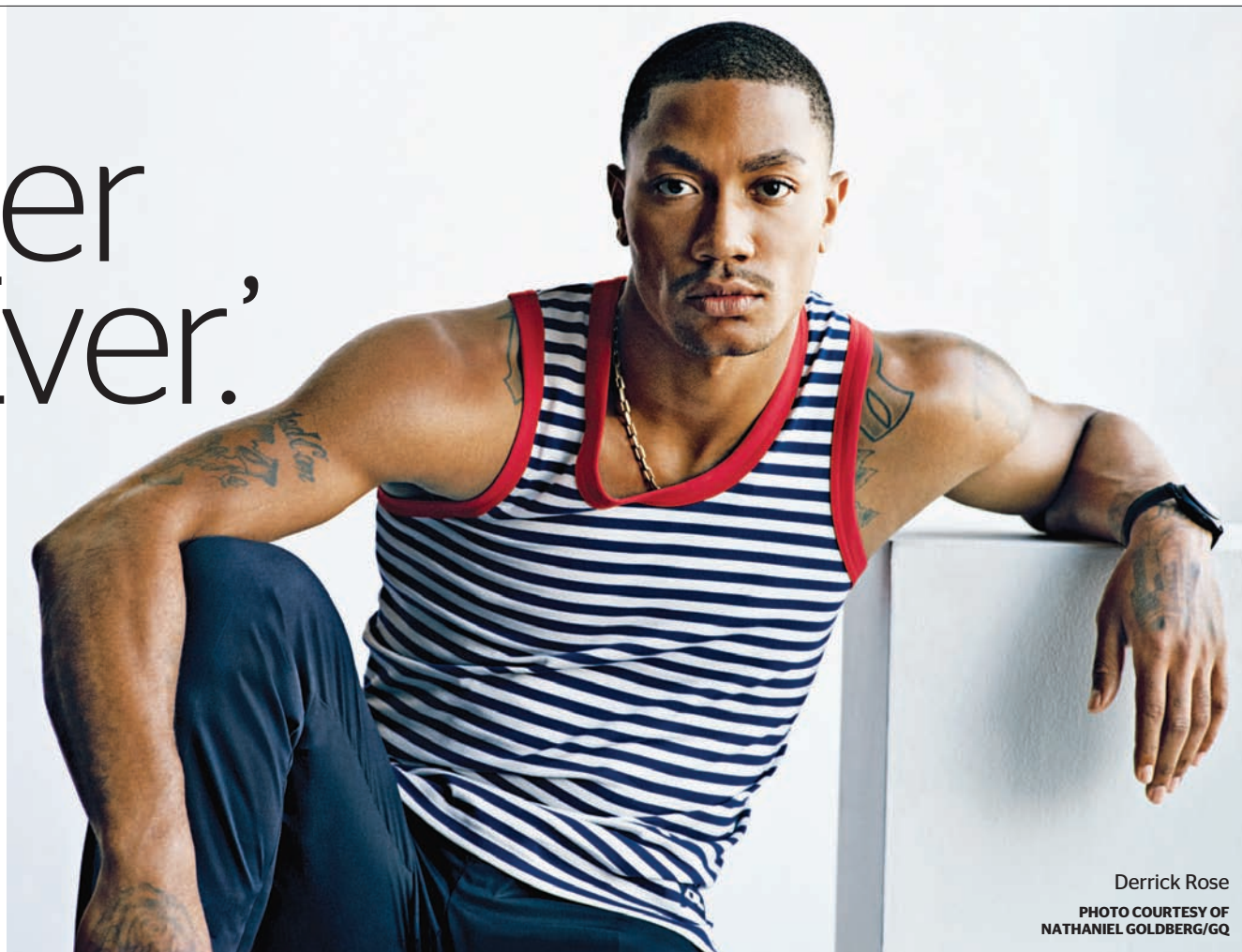
"Chicago isn't used to stardom. ... They don't know how to act toward celebrity. So I always have someone with me. I can have a hat on, glasses on, whatever. People still notice me. If I go outside without a hat on, I feel like I'm naked. This life doesn't fit my personality."

ON FEELING LIKE A RECLUSE:

"It gets on my nerves that I can't just go out. It's just boundaries now, people are like, 'You can't go here, you can't go there, you got to let that person know where you're going.' It's just weird. I'm never alone. Ever."

ON LEBRON'S INFAMOUS ON-AIR DECISION TO GO TO THE HEAT:

"I won't ever put myself in a bad position so that people can say bad things about me. I make smart decisions. ... I'm very mature for 23 years old, and I know that whatever I do can hurt someone."



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Vick: Cruelty laws need more bite

Michael Vick, who served time in prison related to dogfighting, told The

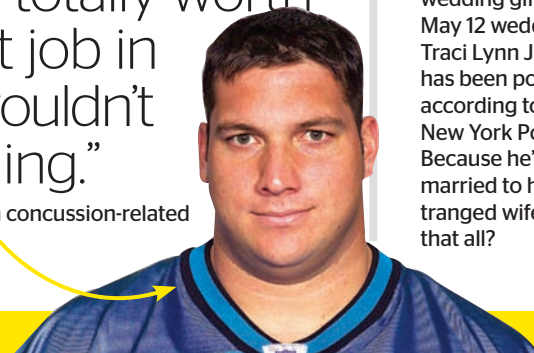
Associated Press that Alabama's cock-fighting law is the nation's "weakest" because its maximum penalty is a \$50 fine. Vick has been outspoken against animal cruelty since serving 16 months in prison on a dogfighting conviction.

Early bird gets the recruit?

Indiana basketball coach Tom Crean has put the Hoosiers back on the sports map. He wants to keep it that way. So much so that he offered Eron Gordon, an eighth-grader who is the youngest brother of New Orleans Hornets and former Indiana University star Eric Gordon, a basketball scholarship Sunday. And we wonder why these players have inflated visions of themselves ...

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Memory loss is going to come. I am ready for it. It's worth it; totally worth it. This is the best job in the world and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

—Detroit Lions center **Dominic Raiola** on concussion-related ailments related to being an NFL player



Barber's wedding date gets clipped

Hold off on buying former N.Y. Giants star Tiki Barber that wedding gift. His May 12 wedding to Traci Lynn Johnson has been postponed, according to the New York Post. Why? Because he'll still be married to his estranged wife. Oh, is that all?

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GEMINI CLUB PERSONALITY TEST



What's the last album you bought?

Tom Gavin: With real money? Or with BitTorrent money? The new **Beach House** record, "Bloom."

Song you've listened to on repeat recently?

Gavin: Lana Del Rey over and over. I just discovered that song.



Dan Brunelle: That's an artist. Not a song. It's "Video Games."

Song you never want to hear again?

Gavin: Rebecca Black's "Friday."

Best concert you've seen in the last year?

Gavin: I saw A Place to Bury Strangers recently at Empty Bottle and that was sweet.

Gordon Bramli: Or a local band, Vamos, they're pretty good.

Brunelle: Netherfriends is really awesome, too.

New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big?

Brunelle: I mean, we just met them down at South by Southwest, but the Burning Hotels from Fort Worth, Texas, are sweet and they should be big.



Favorite movie ever?

Brunelle: "2001: A Space Odyssey"

Gavin: That's mine, too, actually.

Chicago's best music venue?

Gavin: Lincoln Hall.

Brunelle: And we're not just saying that because we're playing there. We're playing there because we actually think that.



The members of Gemini Club are Dan Brunelle (from left), Tom Gavin and Gordon Bramli.
MICHAEL DONOVAN PHOTO

Dance machines

Electronic trio Gemini Club makes you move

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Despite the fact that no one in Gemini Club is actually a Gemini by birth, a section on **gemini** **traits.org** that discusses the personality traits common to the

star sign reads as if it could be describing the effect of the trio's dance-rock output. For example: "They are almost always the ones who make an event a particularly lively occasion."

Bandmates Tom Gavin, 28, and Dan Brunelle, 25, (both of Wicker Park) and Gordon Bramli, 25, (of West Town) have been making electronic music together for about three years. They perform at Lincoln Hall this weekend in support of their latest EP, "Here We Sit," a pulsating effort that should appeal to fans of now-defunct LCD Soundsystem. By phone, the bandmates opened up about their dance skills (or lack thereof), a particularly harrowing experience with the paranormal and why no two shows are ever the same.

The new EP is called "Here We Sit," yet it sounds designed exclusively for movement.

Tom Gavin: Everybody always has these questions about what's going on with us. They want to know, "What's up with the computers? What's up with Gordon's rig? Is it electronic? Is this a real band?" And this was just kind of our statement. It was like, "Here it is. This is where we're at right now."

Considering the style of music you make, how would you rate your abilities as dancers?

Gavin: [Laughs.] As dancers? Dan is the best dancer in the band. I kind of just scramble around up there.

Dan Brunelle: Gordon has some pretty nifty DJ hand moves.

Gordon Bramli: Yeah, I've got the Swedish Mafia 101 look. [Laughs.] We're terrible dancers all around, I think.

Gavin: That's kind of why you became a DJ, right? Because you can't dance.

Most of you come from more rock-oriented backgrounds. What inspired you to pursue an electronic sound with this band?

Brunelle: I've been into electronic music since I was a little kid, like, I used the MTV Music Generator on PlayStation when I was

Gemini Club

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11 years old. Gordon is the same way. I guess it was something ... where I never saw those two things aligning. There was the stuff I did on my laptop and then the stuff I did with a live band. Then somewhere between all the geeky, YouTube gear-demo videos and Justice and LCD Soundsystem, live electronics started to become really interesting. I think we saw potential for a laptop-oriented performance to come across in that same visceral way a rock band does.

Is it true Gemini Club shows are like snowflakes, in that no two are completely alike?

Brunelle: Yes, there's a lot of room for experimentation and improvisation. The main thing we want to get across is nothing is automatic. We want to make sure that absolutely everything is happening in real time.

Gavin: That's why we turn our keyboards outwards. If you go to the show the keyboards are angled out towards the audience, so if Gordon launches a clip everybody sees it. We want people to know it's a very high-risk scenario we put ourselves in.

You put out a single called "Ghost." Have any of you ever had an encounter with the paranormal?

Gavin: [Laughs.] Once when I was a kid I thought I saw a ghost in the hallway.

Brunelle: I have a ghost story.

Gavin: You do?

Brunelle: This is when I was a kid in high school. I was up in my room—probably playing video games—and I heard a clatter downstairs. So I go running down there and a can of wood stain that was up on this very high shelf had somehow fallen off and it was just everywhere in the room. It looked like someone had pulled it off the shelf and shaken it all around. It was on the ceiling and the floors and every wall. To this day I have no clue what the hell happened. My parents thought I did it, and I had to explain to them it was a ghost. [Laughs.]

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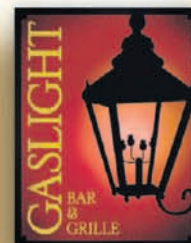
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ALBUM REVIEW



Sweet Heart Sweet Light Spiritualized



By Mike Rich

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For 22 years Spiritualized frontman Jason Pierce, aka J Spaceman, has been "taking drugs to make music to take drugs to." It's a creative process that almost killed him.

"My liver was gone," Pierce recently revealed in an interview with The Guardian.

So after making seven Spiritualized albums in a mind-altered state, the space rocker set off to create a new album with the help of new drugs—liver-repairing drugs. The result? His best album since the 1997 masterpiece "Ladies and Gentlemen We Are Floating In Space."

Pierce has created a mesmerizing collection of songs about everything that matters to a rock 'n' roller—love, death, God, girls—and gives them his signature Spiritualized treatment, weaving psychedelia, blues and gospel into a perfectly chaotic mixture. The album's final track, "So Long You Pretty Thing," hits on all of these recurring themes, building into sweet 7-minute symphonic crescendo that



Jason Pierce of Spiritualized
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shoots into the skies and serves as a perfect ending to J Spaceman's latest work.

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LIVE AT REDEYE

William Beckett performs 'Compromising Me'

By Matt Pais

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Former The Academy Is ... singer William Beckett released his debut solo EP, "Walk the Talk," on Tues-

day. The Barrington resident stopped by RedEye, telling us why he releases just a few songs at a time. (He plans to release EPs in July and October.)

"Every record, even my favorite records ever, there's like four songs I skip. ... There's a song or two that just don't do it for me. This approach, I'm able to pretty much cut those tracks out."

We'll publish the full interview closer to his May 29 show at Schubas. For now, visit redeyechicago.com to listen to Beckett perform an acoustic version of the album's first single, "Compromising Me." MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM | @MATTPAIS

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nightlife

Hold the barley

Goose Island brewpubs try gluten-free beer

By Emily Van Zandt

REDEYE

Chicago's Goose Island Clybourn has jumped on the gluten-free bandwagon, adding a beer called Queen-OA to the lineup at the Wrigleyville and Clybourn brewpubs.

The beer is made using red and white quinoa rather than the malted barley traditionally used in brewing.

"It's been something I've been working on for the last year," said Jared Rouben, the pub's brewmaster. "There's a really big gluten-free community here in Chicago and with such a big beer revolution that's going on here right now, there's no reason that people that are gluten-free can't be a part of it and enjoy it."

Many gluten-free brews are made with rice, honey, buckwheat or millet, but when Rouben made a research trip to Binny's and sampled the gluten-free beers on hand, he wasn't impressed.

"What I saw with quinoa is it was a grain I love to consume, it's full of protein and with the mixed colors, it came out a very nice rose," Rouben said. "It's very effervescent, spritzy. ... It's almost champagne-esque."

Rouben ended up making a beer brewed with cranberries, orange peel and grapefruit along with the quinoa.

The result is a brew that hits the glass a shade similar to pink lemonade with a strong citrus smell. The bite from the grapefruit is immediate and people who aren't fans of the fruit may be turned off by the sour, bitter bite at the finish. The Queen-OA is incredibly light and fizzy—like a one-step shandy.

"The gluten-free community has been really supportive," said Rouben, who learned he'd have to use separate draft lines and tubes to fill growlers to keep the gluten-free beer free of contamination.

Queen-OA sells for \$6 a glass or \$20 per growler. Rouben plans to keep it on tap at the brewpub (1800 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-915-0071) all summer, and it's also available at Goose Island's Wrigleyville brewpub (3535 N. Clark St. 773-832-9040).

While Queen-OA is made gluten-free, the pub is still in the process of gaining gluten-free certification for the beer.

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'MARCH' BACK IN TIME

Steppenwolf team shares old-school passions and life-changing decisions

By Julia Borcherts

FOR REDEYE

This spring, Steppenwolf offers an entertaining history lesson with "The March," an epic adaptation of E.L. Doctorow's novel of the same title about the aftermath of Gen. William Sherman's march through Georgia during the Civil War.

Because the play's about a dramatic event that changes the lives of everyone caught up in it, we asked adapter-director Frank Galati and four of the 25 cast members **A.** What event changed your life? And because it's a period piece, we also asked **B.** What's the most old-school thing about you?

JULIA BORCHERTS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

James Vincent Meredith

Plays *Coalhouse Walker*

A. New Year's Eve of 2001. My girlfriend (now wife) and I had scraped together enough money to go to Brazil for New Year's. We didn't know the language, were both badly sick at various points of the trip and paid 60 bucks to be driven all around Sao Paulo looking for a New Year's Eve party that our good-hearted taxi driver neglected to tell us was literally two blocks from our hotel. We both could have been furious, but we actually laughed it off. Making it through that trip—and that night—made me sure that she and I would be pretty good together, and I proposed that spring.

B. Right now, I'd say my mini-afro, but that's more 1970s than 1860s. I do have a thing about wearing cardigans lately, which I suppose is a bit old school. That, and my music collection, which is always several years behind. There's this great Tribe Called Quest album I've been listening to lately—you should check these dudes out.



Shannon Matesky (left) and Alan Wilder

Frank Galati

Director

A. I got a job teaching at the University of South Florida, which gave me a deferral from being drafted. Instead of fighting in Vietnam, I became a teacher.

B. I like to garden, I don't carry a cellphone, I prefer books made of paper and I only just recently started using email. I don't use it very often.

Shannon Matesky

Plays *Pearl*

A. When I was 14, I entered my first spoken word poetry slam with Youth Speaks Inc. Ever since, poetry has influenced and advanced every aspect of my life. Now I write, teach and perform amazing texts with the utmost respect for the power of word and story.

B. My taste in music is old school. I don't listen to a lot of contemporary music—I like my Tina Turner, Prince and '90s jams. Also, my way of dress—nothing beats a grand-ma shirt and Nikes.

Martha Lavey

Plays *Nurse Letitia Pettibone*

A. 9/11 didn't change my life but I was in New York on that day and the women I was with there—Amy Morton, Erica Daniels, Mariann Mayberry, Tina Landau—and I write to each other on every anniversary to express our love and gratitude for each other.

B. I'm not on Facebook. I don't tweet. I don't own a television. I don't have a smartphone.

Stephen Louis Grush

Plays *Will B. Kirkland and Albion Simms*

A. The choice to come to Chicago was a major one. I moved here 10 years ago [from New Orleans] to pursue a career in theater. Nothing's been close to the same since.

B. I would say my record collection—lots of old punk rock, hip-hop, R&B, soul, a lot of old school country and blues. I love old-school music. I'm really passionate about [it]—that's how I spend all my time offstage.

Stephen Louis Grush (left) and Ian Barford in 'The March'
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Mariann Mayberry (left) and Carrie Coon

The March

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Xenoblade Chronicles *Nintendo Wii*



Move over, "Final Fantasy." In recent years, most Japanese-style role-playing games have felt as stuck in the 1990s as boy bands, but "Xenoblade Chronicles" is a successful attempt to give them a modern makeover. The combat is all real-time instead of the traditional turn-based type, the voice acting is surprisingly top-notch, and the story manages to be satisfying even if it's about yet another orphaned young hero who must save the world from a mysterious evil. Most of the game's few limitations are due to the fact that it appears on the aging, high-definition-graphics-starved Wii system.

THREE TO PLAY

BY RYAN SMITH | FOR REDEYE



The Sims: Showtime *PC*

"The Sims" has a reputation as a game where players role-play as an ordinary Joe Schmo-type going through everyday life, but "The Sims: Showtime" scratches the



itch of people wanting to taste the life of a performer. The newest in this long running series of expansions for the PC hit "The Sims 3" opens up new careers of singer, acrobat, magician or DJ for your avatar. Beyond that and some additional social networking options, there's little new here—"Showtime" seems mostly designed to whet the appetites of rabid "Sims" fans.



Spirit Camera: The Cursed Memoir *Nintendo 3DS*

Using the camera



built into the Nintendo 3DS to make a creepy horror story come to life with virtual ghosts dancing around your living room is a great idea in theory. But it's hard to maintain the spooky mood in "Spirit Camera" when players have to keep the lights on to see the images. For better or for worse, the bonus content actually is more fun than the story mode, especially the mode that enables you to battle spectres that have your friends' faces morphed on them after you've snapped a picture. Gimmicks aside, "Spirit Camera" would be better served as a budget priced app on a smartphone, not a full priced game.

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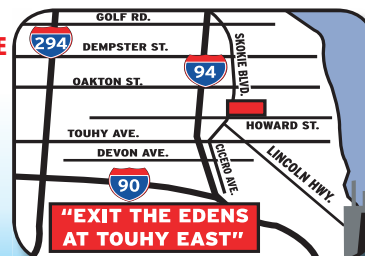
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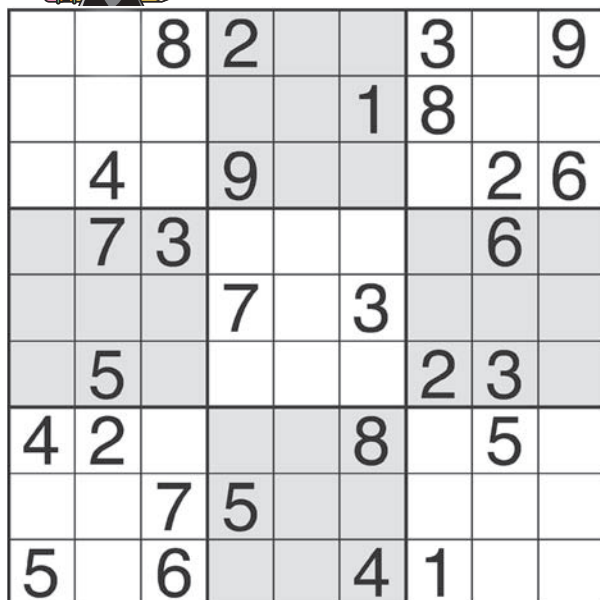
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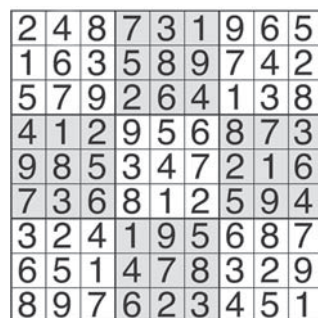
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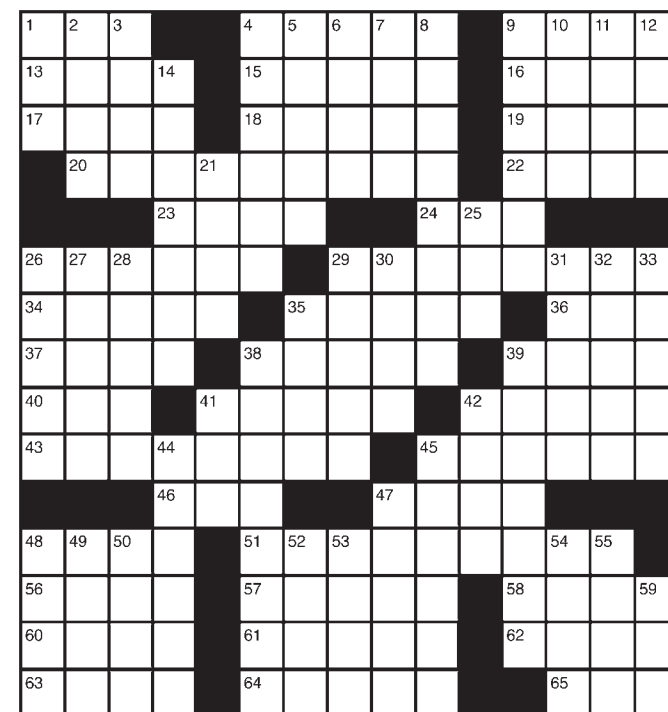


ACROSS

- 1 person; apiece
- 4 Leftover bit
- 9 Ice cream treat
- 13 Corrupt
- 15 In a ; instantly
- 16 Vase-shaped pitcher
- 17 Singer Seeger
- 18 Indy 500 car
- 19 Enlarge a hole
- 20 Poverty
- 22 Singer/actor Nelson
- 23 Get just one's feet wet
- 24 Writer Fleming
- 26 Wine decanter
- 29 Mousse & cake
- 34 Open-eyed
- 35 Nuts and
- 36 Wesson product
- 37 Tie up
- 38 Spines
- 39 Enormous
- 40 Frozen water
- 41 Tattletales
- 42 Became furious
- 43 to say; obviously
- 45 Crouches in fear
- 46 Trot
- 47 up; absorb
- 48 Nicole Smith
- 51 Smooth-skinned peach
- 56 Lowly; humble
- 57 British ;
- U.K., Ireland, etc.
- 58 Aegean & Red
- 60 Scanty; meager
- 61 Set ; isolate
- 62 Chopped meat dish
- 63 Likelihood
- 64 Redgrave's namesakes
- 65 Bread for a Reuben

DOWN

- 1 Vigor
- 2 Fair; balanced
- 3 Ceremony
- 4 Take long steps
- 5 Huge lifting machine
- 6 Asian staple
- 7 Makes a hole in one
- 8 Keeps at it
- 9 Calm



- 10 Had debts
- 11 No longer alive
- 12 Fighting force
- 14 Facing away from the wind
- 21 Loony
- 25 Pack animal
- 26 Forest home
- 27 "Blue Gown"
- 28 Ms. Zellweger
- 29 Landing places

- 30 BPOE folks
- 31 Cheek coloring
- 32 Striped cat
- 33 Toboggans
- 35 Does not allow
- 38 Occurring every 2 years
- 39 Warlike; aggressive
- 41 Upper respiratory bug
- 42 Lion's cry
- 44 Male ducks

- 45 Shorelines
- 47 Like a no-nonsense teacher
- 48 Bullets
- 49 Have to have
- 50 Geek
- 52 Notice; spot
- 53 Hatfields or McCoys
- 54 Close to
- 55 Simple
- 59 TV's "Murder, _ Wrote"

TODAY IN THE YEAR...

1775: Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

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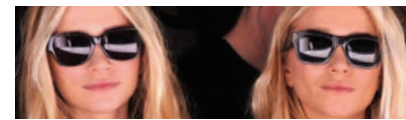
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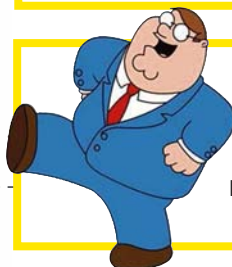


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Ninja of Die Antwoord
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BOOK IT!

If it's on the Internet, you know it would make a good title

By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE

A wise man once said, "Reading is fundamental." And a recent Gawker story revealed the wild and wonderful world of Project Webster books, the media branch of a company called BiblioLabs. Project Webster

basically "uses human curators to assemble Wikipedia content into new works," according to a BiblioLabs rep. The result: "books" with eye-catching titles such as "Let's Get Naked, Vol. 1: Nude Beaches, Nude Hiking, Skinny Dipping, Nude Biking, Nude Weddings,

and So Much More," "The Facts about Airport Security and Aircraft Safety, Vol. 3: More Deadly Airplane Crashes!" and one about the size of certain celebs' manhood. Here's a few of our suggestions for celebrity-focused Wikibooks—super-long titles included—that we think would fly off the e-shelves.

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red hot

Just call me Rock

When Train singer Pat Monahan and wife Amber named their son Rock, it wasn't after the wrestler. It was due to his sister-in-law, who dreamed the name. "She said that my son was coming to her and grabbing her face and saying, 'Aunt Summer, my mom and dad won't listen to me in their dreams. You need to tell them my name is Rock,'" he told People magazine. Uh ... creepy.

THE DIGIT

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That's how much you can pay for **THIS** very plain, very apricot Calvin Klein-designed frock inspired by Katniss from "The Hunger Games," available at **net-a-porter.com**.



HOT DATE

APRIL 28

That's when you'll finally have a reason to visit a Hoffman Estates tanning salon: Snooki will make an appearance to hawk her indoor tanning lotion line, according to the Tribune's Luis Gomez.

So sorry

Courtney Love has apologized via Twitter (how heartfelt!) to Frances Bean Cobain for saying that Dave Grohl—a former bandmate of dad Kurt Cobain's—hit on her daughter. According to **ew.com**, Love tweeted, "Bean, sorry I believed the gossip. Mommy loves you." Time to take away the Twitter?



Courtney Love
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“Novartis Consumer Health did not ask that the name be changed—that request would be way too cold.”

—A statement from the maker of Theraflu, to **tmz.com**, after it was asked whether it had anything to do with **Kanye West** changing the name of his Kardashian-referencing song "Theraflu" to "Way Too Cold."

Summer music fests aren't here yet, but the announcements are coming fast and furious. The latest is the Aug. 31-Sept. 2 North Coast Music Festival, which Tuesday announced a first round of performers, including The Rapture, Big Boi, Atmosphere and Pretty Lights. Visit **northcoastfestival.com** for all the deets.



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